

IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, Complainant,

v.

R. Michael Campbell, Respondent.

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Complaint SEC C2010-079

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**AFFIRMED WITH MODIFICATION**

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COMMISSION

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This is an appeal from a Decision and Order of the State Ethics Commission Hearing Panel. The State Ethics Commission alleged that R. Michael Campbell had violated S.C. Code Ann. §8-13-1308(Supp. 2009) for failure to timely file campaign disclosure forms and make the proper disclosure of contributions and expenditures. The Commission Panel held that Respondent Campbell was in violation of Section 8-13-1308 and he was ordered to pay \$167,000.00 in fines and late-filing penalties. Respondent Campbell filed a Motion to Reopen, Reconsider, Alter or Amend the order to seek some consideration of the late-filing penalty.

The Commission, after hearing from Respondent and his attorney, reduces the late-filing penalty to \$5000.00. The errors appeared to be basic accounting errors made by Respondent's staff, which took a significant amount of time to correct and fully disclose. The reduced late-filing penalty balance of \$5000.00 must be paid within 30 days of receipt of this appeal order or the

amount will revert to the original \$167,000.00.

**AFFIRMED WITH MODIFICATION**

December 4, 2011  
Columbia, South Carolina

E. Kay Biermann Brohl  
E. Kay Biermann Brohl, Chair  
State Ethics Commission